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'All in — rain or shine'

Chautauqua ready regardless of weather, but air show canceled

BY BOB DEMAREE

Although rain is forecast locally for this weekend, the 53rd Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art will continue regardless of the weather.

"The committee and the artists are all in — rain or shine. We have all worked too hard all year to let a little rain spoil the fun," said Chautauqua Coordinator

Kara Hinze.

While the show must go on at the Chautauqua, the same cannot be said of the annual Madison Art Show scheduled for Saturday at Madison Municipal Airport.

What would have been the 23rd annual Madison Air Show won't happen until next year following an announcement Thursday morning by Brent Spry, airport director, that this year's event has been canceled.

Spry said the decision to cancel was made after communicating with the National Weather Ser-

vice, which is forecasting cool temperatures, rain and wind that all create unfavorable conditions for the air show.

He said the cancellation is the first time in the history of the event. Next year's Madison Air Show will be Saturday, Sept. 27.

Meanwhile, this year's Chautauqua will be Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. when 207 artists — including 50 new artists — will exhibit and sell their fine art creations in downtown Madison.

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Indiana Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jennifer McCormick (left) engages with a party supporter at Tuesday's Jefferson County Democratic fundraising dinner.

Jefferson County Democrats celebrate ticket led by women

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jefferson County Democrats gathered more than 230-strong for a sold-out dinner Tuesday with speakers that included Indiana gubernatorial candidate Jennifer McCormick, U.S. Senate candidate Valerie McCray and Congressional candidate Tim Peck.

"Tonight's guest speakers fought hard to get where they are, and they are all deserving, and they belong here in Indianapolis and in Washington, D.C., representing Hoosiers," said Cami Keltch, master of ceremonies for the event.

For Indiana Democrats it's a year when the ticket will be led by women with McCormick for Governor, McCray for U.S. Senate and Destiny Wells for Attorney General. And last month, the national Democratic party nominated Kamala Harris to be President of the United States.

Peck, the lone male Democratic candidate on the ballot in Jefferson County, made reference to that in his remarks.

He told a story that on the morning after President Joe Biden withdrew his candidacy for reelection and endorsed Harris, Peck and his wife went into



Cami Keltch (left) hugs Democratic Congressional candidate Tim Peck after introducing him at Tuesday's Jefferson County Democratic Dinner.

the nursery where their two-year old son was in his crib. His wife put their son on her lap, and looking into his eyes asked,

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CHARLIE ROHLFING

CHARLIE'S BEAT

by, RiverRoots went away, and we'd see Seth less frequently, sometimes only at our annual Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art, where he's been a perennial exhibitor for the last 13 years. But make no mistake, his craft and his art were not standing still.

For many local residents, especially if you attended or were involved with the old RiverRoots Festival from years past, Seth Bickis was a familiar and jocular presence, helping put on the festival and making and selling his popular glass pendants. I know my wife owns and often wears several of them.

But as the years rolled

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Grant Bushong Jr.

Anthony Grant Bushong Jr., age 55, of Madison, IN, entered this life on May 6, 1969, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late, Burnham Wynn, Jr. and Rose Bushong Wynn. Anthony died on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at 12:33 p.m., at his home in Madison, IN.

Anthony will be missed by his loving sons, Matthew Scott Bushong and his companion, Trinity Richards of Madison, IN, Anthony "Tony" G. Bushong, Jr. of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Amari, Montgomery, and Lennox; his brothers, A.J. Austin of Commiskey, IN, Andrew Bushong of Madison, IN; his

sister, Angela Monday of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Burnham Wynn, Jr.; his mother, Rose Bushong Wynn; his wife, Julia "Julie" Dawn Fruge Bushong, died July 25, 2022.

Cremation was chosen with no service to be held at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to donor's charity of choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Diana Lynn Morrison Marshall

Diana Lynn Morrison Marshall, age 67, of Lexington, IN, entered this life on Aug. 15, 1957, in Scott County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late James Ray and B. Trueblood Morrison. She was raised in Jefferson County and graduated in 1975, from Southwestern High School. On Aug. 1, 1985, she was united in marriage to Clarence Wayne Marshall at his parents home. She worked for 31 years in dietary with the Southwestern School Corporation in Hanover, IN. She had worked at Pate's Processing for eight years. She worked with her husband on their Grade A dairy farm and helped raise the tobacco. She was a devoted wife, mom, and grandma, who enjoyed farming and helping to milk the cows. She was a faithful member of the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church in Lexington, IN. Diana died on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, at 7:10 a.m. at the Hickory Creek of Madison in Madison, IN.

Diana will be missed by her loving husband of 39 years, Clarence Wayne Marshall of Lexington, IN; her loving sons, Kenneth Wayne Marshall and his wife, Teresa of Richmond, IN, Travis Gayle Marshall and his wife, Mandi of Madison, IN; her adoring grandchildren, Rileigh, Jadeyn, Resse, Kylar and Maeci; her brothers, Ernest Ray Morrison and his wife, JoAnn of Lexington, IN, Michael Morrison of Lexington, IN; her sister, Shirley Day of Lexington, IN; her brother in law, Larry Marshall of Lexington, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Ray Morrison;



her mother, Wenonah B. Trueblood Morrison; her brother in law, Donald Ray Marshall; her sister in law, Mary Kathleen Eaves Marshall; her father in law and mother in law, John Kenneth Marshall, and Mary A. Donahue Marshall.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Tim Mohon at the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church, 4756 East State Road 356 near Lexington, IN. Interment will follow in the Kimberlin Creek Cemetery in Lexington, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, from 4—7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN, and Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church, 4756 East State Road 356 near Lexington, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison or at the church.

Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.



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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

Lodgings

September 24, 2024

George M. Kaffenberger, 68, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, for Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony; and Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Mickle L. Logsdon, 40, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a parole hold warrant (failure to appear). No bond.

Michael Stewart Malone, 48, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant, released on own recognizance; and on a body attachment warrant. No bond.

Billy Jo Smith, 53, Vevay, Indiana, for Criminal Recklessness and Communication-Intimidation, both Level 6 felonies. Bond \$289 in fees and court costs.

2 days served and 178 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Alejandro G. Avila, 37, Hanover, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 court costs.

Lisa Gay Conley, 49, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County

September 23, 2024

Roy L. Keeton and Jonathan R. Keeton to Jonathan R. Keeton, approximately 5 acres at 966 South County Road 1233 West, Lexington.

Brenton Christopher Hamilton and Kristen Danielle Hamilton to Kenneth Rice and Cynthia Rice, approximately 3.4 acres at 5300 East Wolf Run Road, Madison.

Traci Lynn Peddie to Marc Koehler and Angela Davis, 2 acres at 2000+ North K. Road, Madison and 12.13 1000+ North Rykers Ridge Road, Madison.

Paula A. Walters and Teresa M. Walters to Kevin L. Carrick and Terri L. Carrick, 618 East Second Street, Madison.

Kraig J. Bergeron and Rose Conway to Patric Guy, 1139 Walnut street, Madison.

September 24, 2024 Midway Investments LLC to Emily McDarmant, 2050 Wood Street, Madison.

MKM Holdings LLC to Pettit Properties LLC, approximately 3.5 acres 2500+ Cragmont Street, Madison

September 25, 2024

Howard Jason Romans to Brenda K. Collings, 6385 South State Road 256, Madison.

Norman X. Kruzhich and Patty Kruzhich to Claude R. Reece Jr., 3908 West Deer Bend Drive, Hanover.

Cheryl E. Marriage to Kenneth Austin Ketchan, 9488 West 900 North, Commiskey.

Earl E. Bennett to John Bennett, lots 60-71, 88, 90, 92 and 94, 1011 Filmore Alley, Madison and 1023 East Vaughn Drive, Madison.

Michael Christofer to Michael D. Christofer 2022 Living Trust, approximately 10.2 acres at 10945 and 10000+ West 410 North, Deputy.

Martha Lee Stephanus to Tony Stephanus and Sara Stephanus, approximately 33.2 acres at 12428 West State Road 256, Lexington.

Terry McNeely, Linda McNeely, Mark McNeely and Jill Stickler to Terry McNeely and Linda McNeely, 15948 West 366 North, Deputy.

Robert C. Cooper to Robert C. Cooper II, 609 Highland Drive, Madison.

Zona Gail Short

Zona Gail Short, age 89, of Bloomington, IN, formerly of Madison, IN, and the daughter of the late Hurley and Kathryn (Kreeger) Rowlett, was born on Nov. 2, 1934, in Madison. She was united in marriage to Charles "Bud" Short in 1952, and they were blessed with five children: Steve, Cathy, Chuck, Donnie, and Cindy. She worked with her husband in real estate for many years, prior to moving to Bloomington, IN, in 1992, to join their son, Chuck in the residential construction and development business.

She was an avid doll collector and belonged to the Madison and Bloomington Doll Clubs. For over 60 years, she was a member of a women's card club in Madison. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and more recently enjoyed their Sunday family dinners together. She knew how to make each of her children feel like they were her favorite. She was also a member of the Sherwood Oaks Christian Church in Bloomington. She enjoyed eating at Red Lobster, playing Yahtzee with her sister, Carol, collecting dolls, and baking. Mrs.

Short passed away on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at her residence in Bloomington.

She is survived by her children: Steve Short



and his wife, Carly of Madison, Cathy Hale, of Madison, Chuck Short and his wife, Diane of Bloomington, and Cindy Short, of Bloomington; her grandchildren:

Christa Skirvin, Johnna Davis, Luke Short, Danielle Shields, Zac Short, Chris Hale, Eric Short, Feliza Short, Jamie Smith, Kyler Smith, and Shelby Short; 19 great grandchildren; her sisters: Phyllis Young and Carol Hooley; and her brother: Jim Rowlett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Bud" Short who passed away on May 8, 2006; her son, Donald Allen "Donnie" Short; her grandson: Matthew Hale; her sister: Mary Jo Hall; and her brother: Curt Rowlett.

Cremation was chosen and private family services will take place at a later date.

Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.lytlewelty.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Hunter Dane Casper, 27, of Cabot, AR, died Sept. 2, 2024, after being struck by a car on Aug. 6, 2024. A celebration of life with family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, Hanover Chapel, in Hanover, IN, with interment will follow in Fairmount Cemetery in Madison.

Arrangements by Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Services in North Vernon, IN, www.dovesharpudicel.com.

Norma Jean Bodtke Messerli, 80, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, at her home in Madison. Cremation was chosen with no services to be held at this time. Arrangements by Morgan and Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Rev. Clifford Philip Sparks, 74, of Milton, KY, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at his home in Milton. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.

12, at Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Madison, IN, with interment will follow in Fairmount Cemetery in Madison. Arrangements by Morgan and Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Lora I. Swinney, 96, of Versailles, IN, and formerly of New Marion, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at Our Hospice in Columbus, IN. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles with burial in Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison, www.skfuneralhome.com.

Barometer: 29.94, Steady **River Level at Clifty Creek:** 421.70, Steady

Forecast: (Chautauqua Weekend) Saturday: Rain High 68/Low 61; Sunday: Showers High 71/Low 62;

Precipitation, September 2024: 3.25 **Precipitation, 2024:** 29.36

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Sunrise: 7:33 a.m.

Sunset: 7:31 p.m.

Temperature: High 75, Low 66, Mean 70.5, Deficit 3.9

Precipitation since last published: 1.52

Precipitation, September 2024: 3.25

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LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 18-25-27-33-36-40 (9/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$22.7 million. Next Drawing (9/28).

Cash Five: 2-12-22-27-36 (9/25). **Cash 4 Life:** 6-26-48-55-58 CB: 2 (9/25)

KENTUCKY **Cash Ball:** 12-16-17-35 CB: 2 (9/22) **Kentucky 5 Extra:** 4-13-22-24-34 (9/22)

Lucky For Life: 5-13-27-35-48 LB: 14 (9/22)

MEGAMILLIONS: 1-6-10-23-27 MB: 18, MP 5 (9/24). Next Jackpot: \$77 million. Next Drawing (9/27)

POWERBALL: 2-26-45-46-52: 21, PP 2 (9/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$243 million. Next Drawing (9/28)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 6-32-51-62-69 PB: 26 (9/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (9/28)

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Wireless network to get biggest test this weekend at Chautauqua

BY BOB DEMAREE

A wireless network to improve WiFi connectivity for festivals and events in Jefferson County has so far been a success, but the big test is coming this weekend with the Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art.

Jim Bartlett, a member of both Jefferson County Board of Tourism (JCCT) and the Visit Madison Inc. (VMI) board of directors, provided an update at Monday's VMI meeting.

WEATHER

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"I feel like the quality of the artists is improving. Along with the new artists, we also have a lot of great artists returning. Hopefully everyone will find some new favorites in the crowd," Hinze said.

There will be a slight change in the footprint of the Chautauqua. No artists will be set up north of Second Street for the first time in many years.

In the past, artists have been located on Vine Street between Main and Second streets, but the

In March, JCCT awarded an \$8,500 grant to VMI to develop a wireless network that can deal with internet connectivity problems that have impacted events like the Madison Regatta and Chautauqua in the past — events that challenge the system due to the high number of people using cell phones on the waterfront.

Bartlett said the portable WiFi equipment is designed to provide private internet connectivity that allows vendors to run credit cards

when cell bandwidth is being stressed by other users.

"When we get 40,000 people in Madison, with all the cell phones, the demand on cell system is bigger than the cell system is, and consequently the cell system can't provide WiFi to all the vendors in an adequate manner. And that's the goal of this is to make them not rely on the cell system, but rather have a dedicated system to provide them that ability," Bartlett said.

He said the equipment arrived

this summer and "we've been testing the waters with it" with a private WiFi set up for the Roostertail Music Festival during the Madison Regatta. "The reports we got back from the beer tents and the merchants tent was that they had never had better connectivity for their credit cards."

Bartlett said another trial run was conducted last week at the Madison Rodeo. "All of them were pleased with the results," he said.

He said the system will again be implemented for the Chautauqua with "hopes of being able to cover the WiFi requirements for all of the vendors" including artists and food. "We think we have a good plan and we think we'll be able to cover the real estate pretty well for those vendors" but until the vendors start using it "we won't know if there's a corner somewhere we missed ... but we feel like we've got a pretty good plan moving forward."

ART

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He's been growing as an artist, and his glass work has been recognized across the country as something unique and highly developed.

"I won the People's Choice Award at the Humboldt Marble Weekend in California," says Seth.

"I got first place in the glass category at the Summerfair in Cincinnati recently. And another first at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Fair."

Clearly Seth has come a long way from the simple and elegant pendants we all enjoyed those many years ago. "I still make the pendants, absolutely, but the really intricate and artistic stuff that is winning awards is the orbs and marbles," Seth explains. If you'd like to see his latest work, and possibly buy a piece or two, he is exhibiting again this year at the Chautauqua Festival, Sept. 28-29, in downtown Madison.

Seth comes from a long line of makers and artists. "I used to hang around my grandfather Donald Baxter when he would tinker around fixing up old furniture to sell. And then my father, Steve Bickis, was making and painting signs, so I was always around that, getting my fingers in the wet paint. Making stuff is the family business, you might say."

"As a young adult I was attending Renaissance Faires and music festivals, and I saw the various artists with their booths, making things for sale and building a life around creation and art. I thought that would be a great path for me. I saw a glass guy at a Ren Faire whip up a little glass pig in just a couple minutes, and I thought, 'How hard could it be?' Little did I know!"

"I bought my first glassmaking torch and just started teaching myself. I started with beads, which did not even begin to pay the bills. Then I discovered the pendants, which people really seem to enjoy. The pendants are gratifying because they are so social, displayed around the necks of people. They create interactions and start conversations."

"But there's only so much you can do artistically with the pendants, so I was drawn to orbs and marbles. The depth and complexity you can work into marbles is really endless. People collect them, and prices can range from \$5 to \$10,000, depending on the quality and the reputation of the maker."

"The largest orbs I make are 4.5 inches, but most are in the 2 to 2.5 inch range. I



Seth Bickis creating one of his glass artworks

like to do a lot with vortex designs, and create lots of depth. I often create hidden layers that only reveal themselves if you spend some time with the marble, really exploring the design. I feel like I'm capturing space inside a glass sphere. It can be very rewarding and exciting when you get it just right.

"For example, I use a lot of pure gold and silver to create these amazing translucent colors. Or I'll take a silver coin and file it, then use the fine shavings to create an effect of glittering stars inside the marble. I can even burn the gold or silver at high heat, and then trap the vapor onto the glass for the super cool effect. Some of my single orbs can take hours and hours to create. People don't realize how much time and thought can go into a single 2-inch piece of glass."

"Maybe one of the things I like best about creating orbs is how long they are going to last. They are extremely hard to break. And glass does not degrade over time. My creations will likely exist for hundreds of thousands of years, maybe be discovered by some future archaeologist digging up ruins. It's a kind of immortality I guess, and it's fun to think about!"

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

This is, of course, Chautauqua weekend, our annual art fair and unofficial kick-off of the fall fest season in Madison, perhaps the most intense and fun six weeks or so in any small town in America. From the Air Show and Chautauqua this weekend to the Tri Kappa Tour of Homes Oct. 4-5, to Soup Stew Chili & Brew on Oct. 12 to Horror at the Ohio Film Festival on Oct. 25-26, to the Harvest Festival on Oct. 26, to MadHop Music Fest on Nov. 2 ...

with LOTS of other stuff in between ... few other towns can boast so much going on in such an idyllic and magical community. If you haven't planned your weekend getaway to Madison yet, this is the perfect time. And if you're a local resident, get off the couch and get out there! So much is waiting for you, right here in your own home town.

Charlie Rohlfsing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 27

First Street Saloon — Vaguely Familiar Band
Rivertown Grill — Highway 9

Lighthouse — Beecamp Boys (7-10 p.m.)
The Taproom — Slick River Rockets

Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)

The Central — Penny Royal (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Tailgators — Patriotic Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday, September 28

Brooksburg/Milton Township VFD — Bee Camp Bottom Boys

First Street Saloon — DJ Nate

Rivertown Grill — Highway 9

Thomas Family Winery — Tim Brickley & the Bleeding Hearts

Tailgators — Dirty Laundry

The Drake — Joe & Deano (7:30-10:30 p.m.)

The Central — Alpha Dogs (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

The Lighthouse — Mad Tones (7-11 p.m.)

Sunday, September 29/4h4 Rivertown Grill — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)

WOMEN

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"Can you say Madame President? Madame Governor? Madame Senator? Madame Attorney General?" Peck asked the crowd, adding Democratic state representative candidates Lisa Barker and Jennifer David.

"We have women up and down this ticket. This race is about women, their providers and the people that love them," said Peck. "They are the people that are going to win this election, and they deserve it."

McCormick, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was born in Scottsburg and grew up in a farm in New Castle. She was elected as a Republican as Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction from 2017-2021 but six months later announced she had switched to the Democratic party.

McCormick, who is opposed by Republican Mike Braun, was critical of what she called the "extremism" that has been exhibited by the Republican party, saying Hoosiers in electing a Governor "just want someone with common sense that values each other, values family, who has solid good principles and morals, and has character. They just want someone to be proud of in that office that we can trust, and we can like."

She said, "Hoosiers refuse to turn Indiana over to extremism. We refuse to do that. We don't like theater and chaos to lead us. It stresses people out. People get angry, people get scared, and we deserve better than that. We need leaders who say we've got hope."

McCormick said the key themes for her campaign are access to affordable healthcare for everyone, education, good paying jobs, and the environment and reproductive rights for women.

She noted those are all aspects of quality of life for which CNBC ranks Indiana the second worst state in the nation. "We deserve better than that," she said, noting it relates to providing access to healthcare, quality of education and taking care of environment.

"We need an educated and healthy workforce," she added. "We need an educated and healthy consumer."

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She said her interest in the environment comes from her father, Sheldon Dynes, 83, who formerly worked for the USDA and soil and water conservation service including southeastern Indiana until moving to the New Castle area when she was a year old. "I grew up knowing soil, water, air conservation" and realizes the value of that. "Today, our water is at risk, our air is at risk, and our soil, and we're doing nothing. They're taking away our wetlands, they're going after our public timbers. Someone did it for us, it's now our time to protect our water, our air and our soil."

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"We've got things we've got to fight back on. We've got to get affordable housing affordable again. We've got to make sure medical care is available for every last one of us. We've got to make sure we have a tax structure that makes sense for all of us, and not just give to the very, very rich, and make the rest of us struggle to make ends meet. We've got to make sure because everything has to be fair. We have to try to be fair. People say life isn't fair, but if we stop trying then this is not fair. America is built on trying to be fair and equitable."

Peck said he can see an end to the divisiveness in the nation, all working together without considering political party. "I'm running to represent all of you no matter what party you're in. We don't feel seen right now. We don't feel heard right now. We don't feel like they're represented and their views are represented in the United States Congress."

He said he has challenged his Republican incumbent, Erin Houchin, to a debate without her agreement. Peck said it's because she won't respond to having received political contributions from Jamey Noel, the former Clark County Sheriff who has pleaded guilty to corruption charges.

McCray has worked 35 years in psychology with veterans struggling with PTSD, incarcerated individuals in desperate need of support and rehabilitation, youth struggling to overcome the effects of violence, and more.

"I started this journey working in high security prisons" addressing mental health, but there came a point when "I'm think-

ing they need me more in Washington, D.C. than they need me in this prison right now," said McCray, who is running for U.S. Senate against Republican Jim Banks.

"We've got things we've got to fight back on. We've got to get affordable housing affordable again. We've got to make sure medical care is available for every last one of us. We've got to make sure we have a tax structure that makes sense for all of us, and not just give to the very, very rich, and make the rest of us struggle to make ends meet. We've got to make sure because everything has to be fair. We have to try to be fair. People say life isn't fair, but if we stop trying then this is not fair. America is built on trying to be fair and equitable."

Peck said he can see an end to the divisiveness in the nation, all working together without considering political party. "I'm running to represent all of you no matter what party you're in. We don't feel seen right now. We don't feel heard right now. We don't feel like they're represented and their views are represented in the United States Congress."

He said he has challenged his Republican incumbent, Erin Houchin, to a debate without her agreement. Peck said it's because she won't respond to having received political contributions from Jamey Noel, the former Clark County Sheriff who has pleaded guilty to corruption charges.

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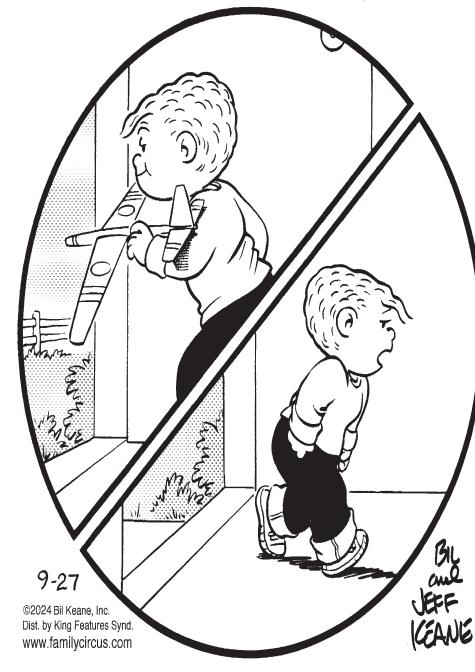
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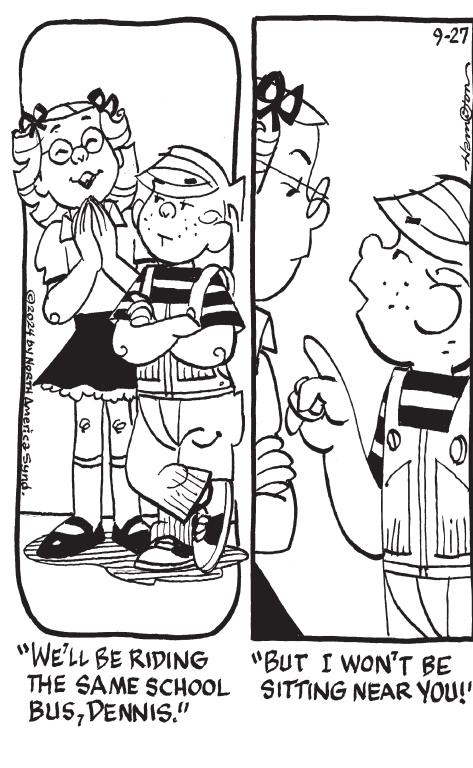
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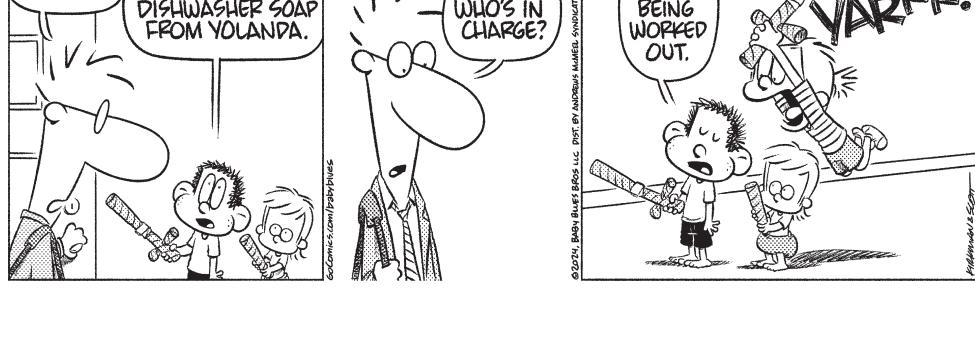
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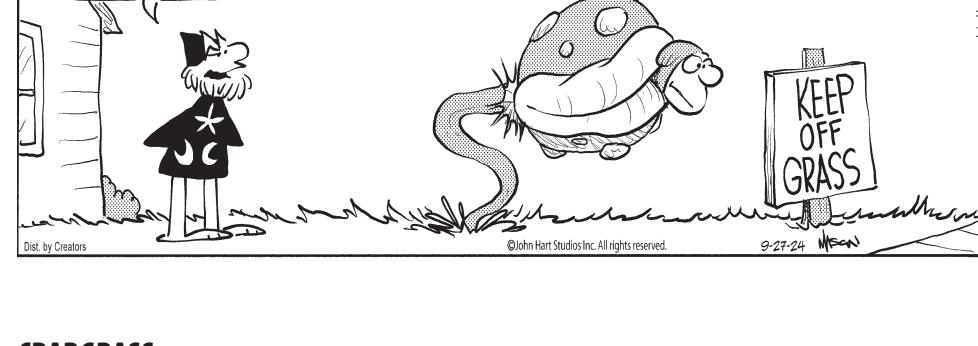
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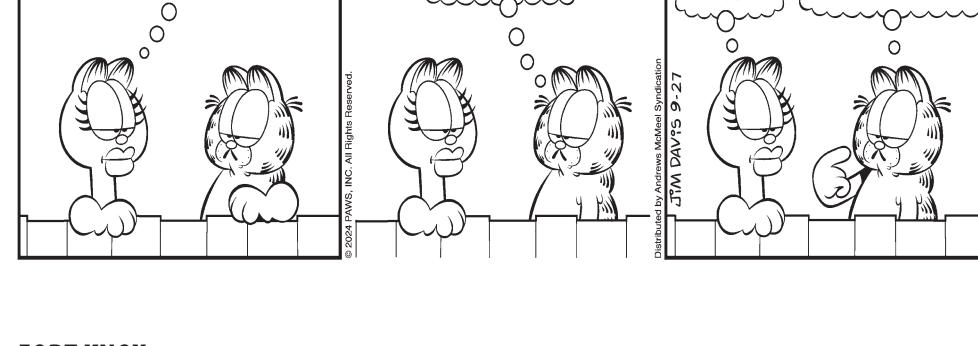
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today in history:

On Sept. 27, 1996, in Afghanistan, the Taliban, a band of former seminary students, drove the government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani out of Kabul, captured the capital and executed former leader Najibullah.

Also on this date:

In 1779, John Adams was named by Congress to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1903, a Southern Railway mail train derailed near Danville, Virginia, killing 11; the accident inspired the famous ballad, "Wreck of the Old 97."

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1940, Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact, formally allying the World War II Axis powers.

In 1964, the government publicly released the report

of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture.

In 1994, more than 350 Republican congressional candidates gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign the "Contract with America," a 10-point platform they pledged to enact if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

In 2013, President Barack Obama and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani spoke by telephone, the first conversation between American and Iranian leaders in more than 30 years.

In 2018, during a day-long hearing by the Senate

Judiciary Committee, Christine Blasey Ford said she was "100 percent" certain that she was sexually assaulted by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh when they were teenagers, and Kavanaugh then told senators that he was "100 percent certain" he had done no such thing.

In 2021, R&B singer R. Kelly was convicted in a sex trafficking trial in New York, after decades of avoiding criminal responsibility for numerous allegations of misconduct with young women and children.

Today's Birthdays:

Musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 81. Actor Liz Torres is 77. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 75. Singer and actor Shaun Cassidy is 66. Comedian Marc Maron is 61. Actor Gwyneth Paltrow is 52. Actor Indira Varma is 51. Musician-actor Carrie Brownstein is 50. Actor Anna Camp is 42. Rapper Lil Wayne is 42. Musician Avril Lavigne is 40. Tennis player Simona Halep is 33. Actor Jenna Ortega is 22.

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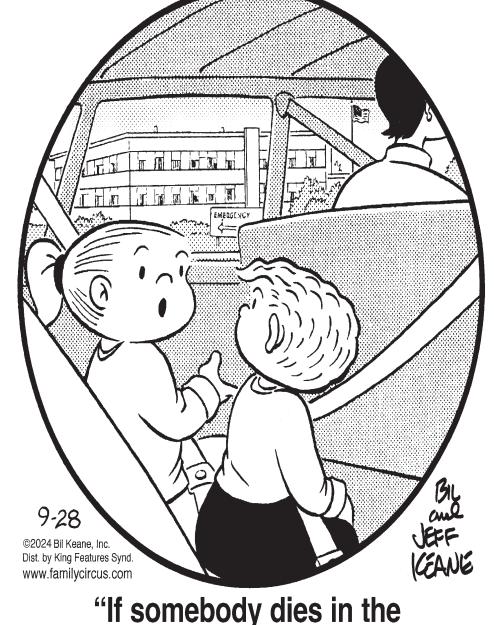
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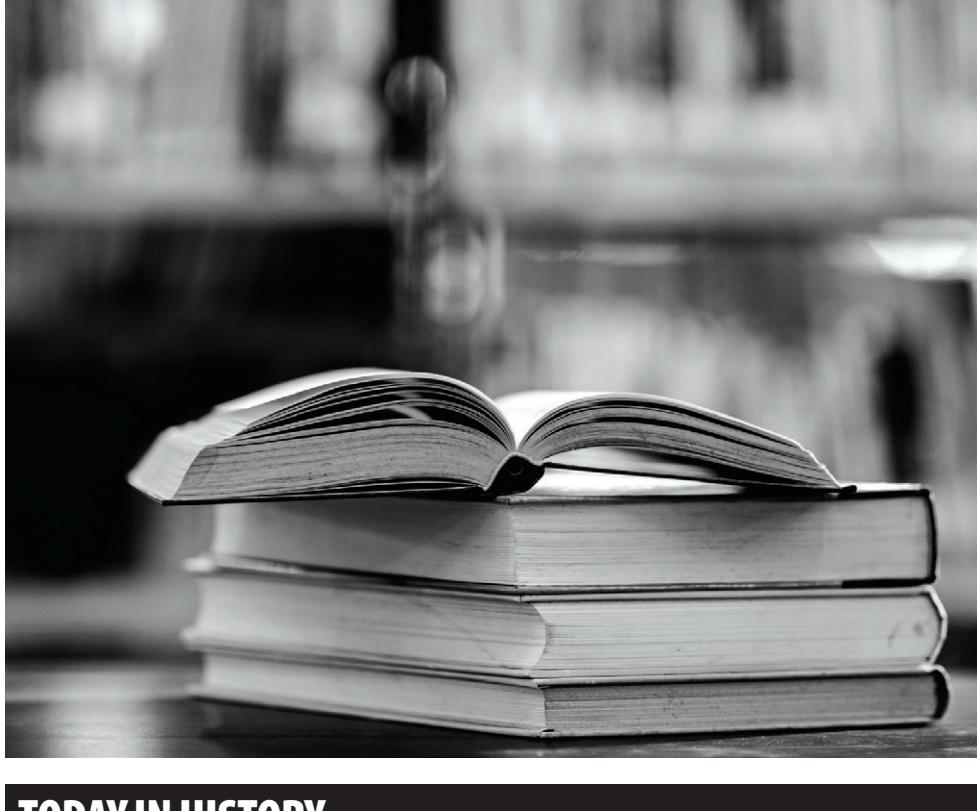
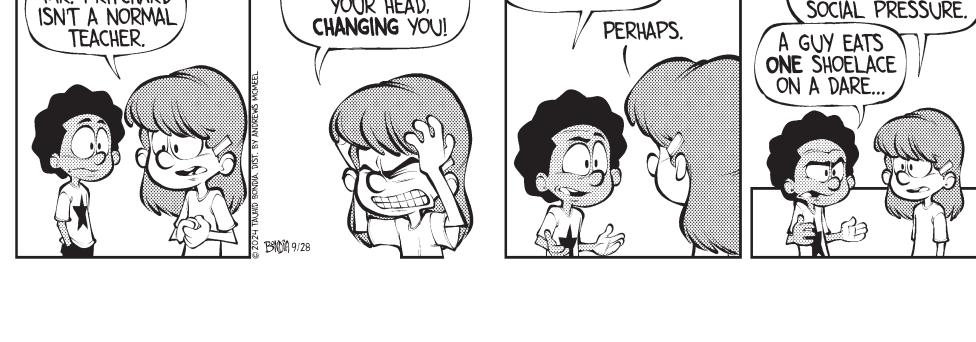
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About 2.5 million people were ordered to evacuate before the storm hit the coast with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph.

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Actor Brigitte Bardot is 90. Filmmaker John Sayles is 74. Football Hall of Famer Steve Largent is 70. Zydeco musician C.J. Chenier is 67. Hockey Hall of Famer Grant Fuhr is 62. Actor-comedian Janeane Garofalo is 60. Actor Maria Canals-Barrera is 58. Actor Mira Sorvino is 57. Actor Naomi Watts is 56. Olympic gold medal swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg is 49. Rapper Jeezy is 47. Golf Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak is 47. Pop-rock singer St. Vincent is 42. Actor Hilary Duff is 37. Boxer Terence "Bud" Crawford is 37. Tennis player Marin Čilić is 36. Actor Keir Gilchrist is 32.

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home and garden

Get your home fall- and winter-ready

If boots, a warm hat and a tuned-up snow blower are the only items on your winter preparation list, your home maintenance plan may need a makeover. These simple home maintenance projects can help lower your energy bills, prevent more costly repairs and/or increase the lifespan of your home.

1. HEATING & VENTILATION

Examine your fireplace and chimney system to ensure that no soot or creosote has collected. Any cracks or voids could potentially cause a fire. Before you turn the furnace or boiler on, replace the air filter and hire a professional to inspect the unit more thoroughly. These steps will improve the efficiency and life of your furnace and will ensure stable indoor air quality.

2. SEAL WINDOWS AND DOORS

If not properly sealed, windows and doors can be a major culprit for heat loss. To keep the warm air

inside, inspect the weather-stripping around your home's windows and doors for leaks, rot or decay. Repair or replace structural framing, and caulk inside and out, if necessary.

3. INSULATE WELL

One of the easiest and most effective defenses against heat loss is proper insulation. Prevent cold drafts from entering and the loss of heated air through basement headers, which, when left exposed, can make your furnace work harder. Look for a moisture-resistant product offering high thermal performance insulation. This type of mineral wool insulation makes installation simple. All that's needed is a serrated blade or bread knife. Cut the batt to fit the cavity and press into place. The insulation will help improve energy efficiency as soon as it's in place and provide savings over the lifetime of your home. Comfortbatt can also be used to top or replace old attic insulation. Aim for an R-50 or a depth of 16 inches.

4. BACKYARD CARE

Save your property from potential damage by trimming overgrown trees and shrubs to prevent ice-laden branches from thrashing against electrical wires and your home's exterior. Drain/shut off any exterior faucets and sprinkler systems to prevent freezing. Ensure rain or snow drains away from the house to avoid foundation problems.

5. ROOF AND GUTTERS

Inspect your roof for shingles that are warped, damaged or even missing to prevent a future leak. Use roofing cement and a caulking gun to seal joints where water could penetrate, such as around the chimney, skylights or vent pipes. Make sure that your gutters and downspouts are securely fastened. Downspouts should extend at least five feet away from the home to prevent flooding.

When it comes to preventative maintenance, a little time and effort can save thousands in energy costs and repair bills over the lifetime of your home.

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FALL LAWN CARE TIPS

Spring and summer may be the seasons most often associated with landscaping and lawn care, but tending to lawns and gardens is a year-round job. If lawn and garden responsibilities dip considerably in winter, then fall is the last significant chance before the new year that homeowners will have to address the landscaping around their homes.

Fall lawn care differs from spring and summer lawn care, even if the warm temperatures of summer linger into autumn. Homeowners who want their lawns to thrive year-round can take advantage of the welcoming weather of fall to address any existing or potential issues.

• Keep mowing, but adjust how you mow.

It's important that homeowners continue to mow their lawns so long as grass is growing. But as fall transitions into winter, lower the blades so the grass is cut shorter while remaining mindful that no blade of grass should ever be trimmed by more than one-third. Lowering the blades will allow more sunlight to reach the grass in the months ahead.

• Remove leaves as they fall.

Much like apple-picking and foliage, raking leaves is synonymous with fall. Some homeowners may wait to pick up a rake until all of the trees on their properties are bare. However, allowing fallen leaves to sit on the ground for extended periods of time can have an adverse effect on grass. Leaves left to sit on the lawn may ultimately suffocate the grass by forming an impenetrable wall that deprives the lawn of sunlight and oxygen. The result is dead grass and possibly even fungal disease. Leaves may not need to be raked every day, but homeowners should periodically rake and remove leaves from their grass, even if there are plenty left to fall still hanging on the trees.

• Repair bald spots. Summer exacts a toll on lawns in various ways, and even homeowners with green thumbs may end up with a lawn filled with bald spots come September. Autumn is a great time to repair these bald spots. Lawn repair mixes like Scotts® PatchMaster contain mulch, seed and fertilizer to repair bald spots, which can begin to recover in as little as seven days. Before applying such products, remove dead grass and loosen the top few inches of soil. Follow any additional manufacturer instructions as well.

• Aerate the turf. Aerating reduces soil compaction, facilitating the delivery of fertilizer and water to a lawn's roots. While many homeowners, and particularly those who take pride in tending to their own lawns, can successfully aerate their own turf, it's best to first have soil tested so you know which amendments to add after the ground has been aerated. Gardening centers and home improvement stores sell soil testing kits that measure the pH of soil, but homeowners who want to test for nutrients or heavy metals in their soil may need to send their samples to a lab for further testing.

Fall lawn care provides a great reason to spend some time in the yard before the arrival of winter.

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Madison's Marley Stivers (20), Izzy True (31), Hannah Combs (7), Lilly Canida (11), Audrey Miller and Brittan Neuman (10) celebrate after an ace in the Cubs' volleyball win over Southwestern on Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Madison knocks off Southwestern in 'Dig Pink'

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Other than a second-set lapse, Madison dominated rival Southwestern to claim a four-set win in their annual "Dig Pink" breast cancer awareness volleyball match on Thursday at home.

The Cubs punched Southwestern in the face in the opening set, leading 20-3 at one point before cruising to the 25-8 victory. However, the Rebels responded in a big way in the second set, taking charge early and holding off Madison late for the 25-22 win.

But the rest of the match belonged to the Cubs, who cruised 25-14 in the third set and 25-15 in the fourth to seal the victory.

Lilly Canida had a strong overall match for the Cubs, posting 13 kills, 14 digs and eight service aces to lead the way while Audrey Miller had 30 assists.

No stats for Southwestern were available.

On Monday, Madison suffered a 3-0 (30-28, 25-18, 25-19) loss at Christian Academy of Indiana. Canida had nine kills and Brittan Neuman had nine digs.

Madison, now 10-9 on the season, traveled to Jeffersonville on Thursday and competes in the Hauser Invitational on Saturday. The Cubs head to Lawrenceburg on Monday and host Jennings County on Tuesday.

Southwestern, also 10-9 on the season, hosts the Southwestern Invitational on Saturday and hosts New Washington on Tuesday.

CARROLL BEATS SWITZERLAND

Carroll County picked up a 2-0 volleyball win over winless Switzerland County at home on Monday.

The Panthers won 25-22, 25-21.

Josie Dale posted six kills, two blocks and four digs for the Panthers. Elle Spencer had six assists, six digs and seven aces, Andrea Cotero had seven digs and Jenna Hayne had four digs.

On Wednesday, Carroll stayed hot with a 3-2 (25-23, 25-13, 10-25, 15-25, 17-15) win at Owen County in what is the program's first 31st District win since Oct. 14, 2019 against Trimble County.

Carroll, now 7-14 overall on the season and 1-8 in district play, hosted Henry County on Thursday and hosts Grant County next Wednesday.

Switzerland, now 0-15 on the season, traveled to Rising Sun on Wednesday and hosts Medora on Tuesday.

TRIMBLE FALLS TO EMINENCE

Trimble County suffered a three-set loss at Eminence in volleyball on Tuesday.

The Raiders lost 25-9, 25-13, 25-12. No individual stats were available.

Trimble, now 11-11 overall and 6-4 in the 31st District, hosted Henry County on Thursday and hosts Grant County next Wednesday.



David Campbell
Above: The back of the jersey of Madison's Marley Stivers featured the phrase 'We Dig Pink' in recognition of the Cubs-Rebels annual breast cancer awareness game. Below: Southwestern's Rorie Scroggins (12) and Madison's Audrey Miller battle for the ball over the net during the Cubs' win at home on Tuesday.



LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

FOOTBALL

Madison hosts Heritage Christian,

7 p.m.

Switzerland Co. hosts Edinburgh,

7 p.m.

Carroll Co. hosts Owen Co.,

7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. at Iroquois, 7:30 p.m.

SOCER

Shawne girls at Rising Sun,

5:30 p.m.

Shawne boys at Rising Sun,

7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern at Austin, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover vs. Heidelberg at Ada,

Ohio, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

CROSS COUNTRY

Madison, Shawne, Southwestern, Meyer Invite at Hanover, 9:30 p.m.

GOLF

Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Regional at Franklin, 8:30 a.m.

SOCER

Carroll Co., Switzerland Co. girls, Switzerland Co. Invite, 9 a.m.

Madison girls host Batesville,

10 a.m.

Madison boys host Rushville,

noon

Carroll Co. boys at Anderson Co.,

12:30 p.m.

Hanover women at Anderson,

1 p.m.

Hanover men at Anderson,

3:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. boys at Henryville,

5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Trimble Co., Whitefield Invite, TBA

Madison, Hauser Tournament,

9 a.m.

Southwestern, Switzerland Co.,

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

CROSS COUNTRY

Shawne, Woodward Invite, 5:30 p.m.

SOCER

Switzerland Co. girls host Southwestern, 5 p.m.

Madison boys host Providence,

6 p.m.

Switzerland Co. boys host Southwestern, 7 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys host Collins,

7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison hosts Jennings Co.,

7 p.m.

Southwestern hosts New

Washington, 7 p.m.

Switzerland Co. hosts Medora,

7 p.m.

Carroll golfer Battaglia earns 2nd straight trip to state

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Boys golf teams from Carroll County and Trimble County closed out their seasons at the KHSAA Eighth Region Tournament at Eagle Creek Country Club on Monday in Dry Ridge, but the Panthers' Dustin Battaglia carded a six-over 76 that qualified him for the upcoming state tournament.

Battaglia, a junior, finished seven strokes back of co-medalists Hank Shick and Nate Surry of Highlands to advance to his second straight KHSAA state championship as an individual. He had carded an 83 last year at AJ Jolly Golf Course in Alexandria to earn his first trip to the state finals.

Qualifying for state adds to a strong junior season for the Panthers' top golfer. Earlier this month Battaglia won a one-hole playoff to claim the North Central Kentucky Conference boys individual golf championship at Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley.

The Panthers also got an 83 from Luke Taylor, a 99 from Coy Willhoite and a pair of 103s from Dalton Wilson and Brayden McIntyre.

Trimble County was unable to field a complete team but Collin Stark tied for 27th overall with



Jennifer Willhoite

DUSTIN BATTAGLIA

an 83, Dylan Penick tied for 33rd with an 84 and Liam Taylor tied for 44th with an 89.

Highlands won the team championship with a 294 while Bishop Brossart was the runner-up at 304. Battaglia tied for fourth among the individual qualifiers

and will be joined at state by Henry County sophomore Bryan Nichols, who also shot a 76, and Owen County senior Malachi Mefford, who carded a 78.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Southwestern sweeps New Washington

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern boys tennis rolled to a 5-0 win over New Washington Wednesday at home.

In singles, Braden Helton won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Braxton Lewis won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 and Max Joseph won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3.

In doubles, Brady Cook and Talon Wynn won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 and Luke Morrow and Colton Deputy won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2.

Southwestern, now 12-1 on the season, travels to Austin on Friday and heads to Charlestown on Monday.

MADISON SHUTS OUT EDINBURGH

Madison boys tennis scored a 5-0 sweep over Edinburgh at home on Wednesday.

In singles, Kaid Fink won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 1, Briar Boldery won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 and Carson Cammack won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3. In doubles, Mitchell Cammack and Bodie Harsin won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 and Ayden Liter and Brock Brandon won 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2.

Madison's next match is the IHSAA Sectional at Scottsburg next week. The draw for the tournament will be held on Monday.



David Campbell

Southwestern goalie Tryson Warren (19) reaches for the ball in front of teammates Caden Ream (15) and Paggerick Giltner (28) and Switzerland County's Kadyn Riley and Carter Hinman (19) during the Pacers' 5-2 conference win in Hanover on Monday.

Switzerland County knocks off Southwestern, Shawe

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County boys soccer knocked off conference rival Southwestern 5-2 Monday in a match stopped by the officials late in the second half.

The Pacers scored three goals in the first half to take a 3-0 lead and maintained that margin in the face of a heightened Southwestern attack until three red cards on the Rebels in the second half prompted the officials to stop play with 5:19 left in the match.

Ashton Purvis and Cooper Todd each scored two goals for the Pacers and Austin Johns had one. Purvis also had two assists and Todd, Jack McClellan and Isaac Williams had one each.

No stats for Southwestern were available.

On Wednesday, Switzerland County avenged its only loss of the season with a 4-1 victory over Shawe while at the same time handing the Hilltoppers their first Ohio River Valley Conference loss. No details from the match were available.

On Monday, Shawe knocked off South Ripley 5-0 on the road.

Despite controlling the game, Shawe led only 2-0 at halftime after first half goals by Gus Grote and Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda.

The Hilltoppers added three goals in the second half with two by Bartosz Rychlicki and another by Grote.



David Campbell

Switzerland County's Slayder Burkholder (30) and Southwestern's Julio Moreno (18) battle for position on a throw-in during the Pacers' 5-2 win in Hanover on Monday.

Switzerland, now 12-1 overall and 9-1 ORVC, travels to Henryville on Saturday and hosts Southwestern again next Tuesday.

Southwestern, now 7-5-1 overall and 6-3 ORVC, traveled to Milan on Wednesday before its rematch with Switzerland next Tuesday.

Shawe, now 9-4 overall and 8-1 ORVC, heads to Rising Sun on Friday. The Hilltoppers travel to Jac-Cen-Del on Monday.

Hurts, Eagles head to Tampa Bay looking to avenge lopsided postseason loss to Buccaneers

BY FRED GOODALL

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers know how it feels to go on the road with added motivation to beat the team that eliminated them from the previous season's playoffs.

That's one of the reasons they expect the Philadelphia Eagles (2-1) to show up at Raymond James Stadium on Sunday and play with the same sense of urgency the Bucs took to Detroit for an emotional rematch they won against the Lions in Week 2.

Tampa Bay ended Philadelphia's season for the second time in three years last January. A week later, the Lions took down the Bucs to advance to the NFC championship game.

"It's kind of similar to the Lions in a way. They know us and we know them, personnel-wise and scheme-wise," Bucs cornerback Zion McCollum said of the Eagles, who have faced Tampa Bay — a non-divisional foe — four times in the past

three seasons.

"They have a new OC (offensive coordinator) and DC (defensive coordinator). At the same time, we know their playmakers. We played against them," added McCollum, whose twin brother, Tristin, plays safety for Philadelphia. "It's a little bit more comfortable when you know your opponent like that."

Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts is 1-3 against Tampa Bay, the lone victory coming in Week 3 of last season on the road.

Tom Brady beat Hurts in the regular season and playoffs in 2021, and a 32-9 playoff loss to Baker Mayfield capped a puzzling 2023 collapse that saw Philadelphia lose six of seven games after a 10-1 start.

"It's been different every time we've played them. Different time of the year. Different moment. Different offense. Different approach — philosophy, if you will," Hurts said.

"It's hard for me to reflect on it," Hurts added of the most recent playoff loss. "It's a new team we have now, a

new group we have. I think about the most important thing — not the past, not the future, but what about right now."

The Eagles are coming off a 15-12 win at New Orleans. The Bucs look to rebound from a 26-7 home loss to Denver.

OUT IN A HUFF

Eagles defensive end Bryce Huff is already shaping up as one of the early free-agent busts of the season. Huff left the New York Jets for a three-year deal for \$51 million after recording a career-best 10 sacks last season. Huff played just 18 snaps against New Orleans, with the bulk of the playing time going to 36-year-old veteran Brandon Graham. Huff has just one tackle and no QB hits in three games, not even close to the production of the edge rusher he essentially replaced, Haas on Reddick.

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SOCER ROUNDUP

Madison boys roll over Jennings

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Wet Weather and lightning delays didn't slow Madison from rolling to an 8-0 boys soccer win over Jennings County on Tuesday in Madison.

Griffin Schwartz and Vincent Lange each posted hat tricks for the Cubs while Kyle Roney and Henry Schmidt scored a goal each. Lange also had two assists while Brady Lock, Schwartz, Schmidt and Giovanni Maya had one assist each. Goalies Graham Klein and Xander Bauer combined for the clean sheet.

Madison, now 8-2-1 on the season, hosted Lawrenceburg on Thursday and hosts Rushville on Saturday. The Cubs then host Class A No. 7 Providence on Tuesday.

SHAWE TOPS SCOTTSBURG, RIPLEY

Shawe scored two goals in the second half to knock off Scottsburg 2-0 in girls soccer Monday on the road.

After a scoreless first half, Justice Kuntz scored at the 18-yard line in the 61st minute to put Shawe ahead 1-0. Maria Ameca-Mendoza then provided the insurance goal in the 70th minute for the final margin.

Odyssey Felix was never challenged in goal and needed only three saves to record the clean sheet. Shawe outshot the Warriorettes 27-3.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

• Seven local athletes earned weekly honors from the Ohio River Valley Conference on Tuesday.

Southwestern's Hillarie Buchanan was named volleyball player of the week after recording her 1,000th-career assist and posting 45 digs in two matches.

Southwestern's Savannah Nussbaum was the girls cross country runner of the week for the fourth time this season with a win in the South Dearborn Invitational.

Switzerland County's Payton Stow had nine hole rounds of 46, 47, 45 and an 18-hole round of 99 to earn the award in girls golf.

Shawe's Gus Grote and Bartosz Rychlicki shared the award in boys soccer after each had five goals in two matches.

Switzerland County's Emma Parsons and Shawe's Justice Kuntz shared the award in girls soccer. Parsons had six goals and three assists in three matches and Kuntz had one goal and eight assists in two matches.

• Southwestern junior varsity tennis went 3-0 against New Washington on Wednesday.

In singles, Kingston Elliott won 6-2 and Kobe Rogers won 4-0. In doubles, Luke Coles and Ryan Hall won 6-3.

• Shawe picked up a 4-0 win over Southwestern in junior high boys soccer Wednesday.

Carlos Graterol had three goals and one assist for the Hilltoppers and Ayden Dempler had one goal and two assists. Johnny Cooke played a great game and added one assist.

Shawe scored a 1-0 win over South Ripley at home on Monday.

The Hilltoppers scored on a breakaway goal by Graterol in the first half with an assist from Liam Miller for the match-winner. Clark

On Wednesday, Shawe picked up a 2-0 win over conference foe South Ripley at home.

Ameca-Mendoza scored off a beautiful quick kick by goalie Ava Flint that cleared the defensive line and gave Maria a break away in the first half. Kuntz scored in the second half.

"(Goalies) Ava Flint and Odyessy Felix have combined for five-straight shut outs behind some awesome defensive play by Jennifer Avalos, Katie Thevenow Julie Martin and Malarie Boswell," Shawe coach Ron Lanham noted.

Shawe, now 9-2-2 overall and 4-1-2 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to Rising Sun on Monday. The Hilltoppers host Class A No. 16 Switzerland County on Thursday, Oct. 3.

CARROLL BOYS KNOCK OFF SPENCER

Carroll County boys soccer defeated Spencer County 6-1 at home on Monday.

Zach Richards had three goals, Gamaliel Maldonado had two and Asriel Mendoza one for the Panthers.

Carroll, now 7-4 on the season, hosted Bullitt Central on Wednesday and travels to Anderson County on Saturday. The Panthers host Henry County on Monday and Collins on Tuesday.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

Nichter worked the shutout in goal with some impressive saves.

Shawe, now 12-1-3, travels to Jac-Cen-Del on Monday and then Rising Sun on Wednesday to wrap up the season.

• Shawe Junior High girls cross country picked up two wins at South Dearborn on Wednesday.

Results for the girls were: Lealynn Krulik, first, 12:27; Ari Alderman, second, 12:46; Holland Kring, fifth, 14:00; Elaina Badillo, ninth, 15:19; Kingsley Copeland, 11th, 15:57; Olivia Hill, 12th, 16:01; Maci Couch, 18th, 18:23; Lilian Hay, 19th, 18:38; Emily Cissell, 20th, 21:53; and Nora Wright, 22nd, 22:06.

Results for the boys were: Sam Gish, first, 11:38; Cohenn Hambrick, second, 11:43; John Paul Guetig, ninth, 13:32; Martin Wilhelm, 10th, 13:45; Gabe Krulik, 19th, 15:09; Finn Reed, 20th, 15:15; Dylan Schafer, 21st, 15:20; and Camden Green, 23rd, 15:46.

On Monday, Shawe's girls placed third and the boys were fourth in a meet.

Results for the girls were: Lealynn Krulik, second, 12:29; Ari Alderman, fourth, 12:56; Elaina Badillo, 13th, 14:56; Olivia Hill, 20th, 16:41; and Lilian Hay, 37th, 21:38.

Results for the boys were: Sam Gish, fifth, 11:24; Cohenn Hambrick, sixth, 11:39; John Paul Guetig, 23rd, 13:44; Martin Wilhelm, 25th, 13:56; Finn Reed, 34th, 15:23; Dylan Schafer, 36th, 15:45; Gabe Krulik, 37th, 15:48; and Camden Green, 40th, 16:58.

• Shawe Junior High volleyball dropped a pair of matches at home against Milan on Wednesday.

The seventh graders lost 25-18, 25-17 and the eighth graders fell 25-22, 25-15.

Shawe hosts Christian Academy of Madison on Tuesday.

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Bengals stumble to 0-3 start, but there's no panic — yet

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — There's no panic yet, but being 0-3 sure comes as a surprise to the Cincinnati Bengals when it seemed their playoff window was finally back open.

Quarterback Joe Burrow is healthy, but he was outdueled Monday night by Washington Commanders rookie Jayden Daniels, who was nearly flawless in throwing for 254 yards and two touchdowns.

The 38-33 setback means the Bengals are off to their worst start since 2019, when they lost their first 11 games on the way to a 2-14 finish. That was the year before they drafted Burrow No. 1 overall.

"There's going to be some big games down the stretch that we're going to have to step up for," Burrow said.

"We haven't played any division opponents yet. The Steelers are 3-0, other teams are 1-2, we're 0-3. We play all six of those games coming up. We're by no means out of it. Playoffs and winning the division is the furthest thing from my mind. We have got to get better this week."

The 27-year-old quarterback had his best game of the season in the loss, going 29 for 38 for 324 yards and three touchdowns, including two to Ja'Marr Chase.

But the Bengals' defense allowed Daniels to have the best game of his young career.

He completed 21 of 23 passes and set an NFL rookie record for completion percentage at 91.3%.

The Commanders scored on every possession except for kneeldowns at the end of each half.

Joe Burrow and the offense will be fine, but the Bengals have some issues to address on defense. They play at Carolina (1-2) on Sunday.

"You know, it's the NFL. Crazy things happen in this league," Bengals safety Geno Stone said. "Anyone can beat anyone each week. We just have to put it together. We got it. Every game we've lost is a one-score game. It's not like we're not there."

WHAT'S WORKING

Burrow has the offense moving. The Bengals outgained Washington 436 yards to 356.

The big issue was finishing.

Three of Cincinnati's first-half drives stalled on Washington's side of the field, and the Bengals settled for a pair of field goals by Evan McPherson.

Chase Brown and Zack Moss combined for 120 yards rushing.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The absence of interior defensive linemen B.J. Hill and Sheldon Rankins because of hamstring injuries hurt the pass rush and the run defense. The Commanders' offensive line kept the pocket mostly clean for Daniels, who had plenty of time to find open receivers.

Washington converted 5 of 9 third-down attempts and went 3 for 3 on fourth down.

"Very frustrating," Cincinnati cornerback Cam Taylor-Britt said. "They went on long drives the whole game."

STOCK UP

Chase is finally getting back in sync with his quarterback after he sat out most of the pre-season while seeking a new contract.

He caught six of seven targets for 118 yards and looked great hauling in touchdown passes of 41 and 31 yards.

STOCK DOWN

Last week, Taylor-Britt said Daniels and Washington ran a "nice little college offense."

Then, of course, Daniels and his offense went out and smoked the Cincinnati secondary.

"I didn't mean anything malicious by the comment," Taylor-Britt said. "It was made bigger than that it was."

INJURIES

OT Trent Brown was carted off with a knee injury, and multiple outlets reported Tuesday that he suffered a season-ending torn patellar tendon.

The Bengals did not provide a specific update, but after the game, Taylor said, "It doesn't look good."

KEY NUMBER

4 — Number of teams since 1990 that advanced to the postseason after starting 0-3.

NEXT STEPS

Burrow and the offense will be fine, but the Bengals have some issues to address on defense.

They play at Carolina (1-2) on Sunday.

The Carolina Panthers beat the Raiders 36-22 last Sunday behind a big day from former Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton, who replaced the ineffective Bryce Young.

Colts Richardson focused on improving accuracy

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson tries to ignore the glaring numbers everyone else is talking about.

He has the lowest completion percentage and second-lowest passer rating of any NFL starter after three games, and he leads the league with six interceptions.

No, this is not how the former Florida star envisioned starting his second pro season, but the unflappable 22-year-old has managed to keep his head down, his mind focused on improving and putting this rough patch in perspective.

"It's just trusting myself, trusting my instincts. You know I've been throwing the football for a long time," Richardson said Wednesday.

"Why not just keep spinning it? Just let it rip."

Richardson's ability to throw — and run — is what made him such an intriguing prospect that Indy (1-2) took him with No. 4 overall pick in 2023, hoping to stop what seemed an unending quarterback carousel.

At times, Richardson has shown glimpses of his star power.

He completed three passes of 50 or more yards, two for touchdowns, in a season-opening loss to Houston including a perfect 60-yard dart to Alec Pierce just outside the goal line despite slipping on the throw. Coach Shane Steichen called it, perhaps, the best throw he'd ever seen.

At other times, though, Richardson has shown two flaws critics questioned when he came out of college — inaccuracy and inexperience.

He's missed open receivers in key situations or worse, often resulting in short, empty series, resulting in a time of posses-

sion disparity of nearly 17 minutes per game through three weeks.

Still, the Colts aren't worried.

"It's a long season and we're only three games into it," Steichen said.

"The confidence level remains high and you continue to grow every single week. You have to go out and have great practices, great meetings and then you go perform on Sunday."

What Indy has largely seen, so far, is inconsistency.

While Richardson's strong arm is capable of making game-changing plays at almost any moment and from virtually any spot on the field, everyone including Richardson knows

a 49.3% completion rate and passer rating of 55.9 simply are not good enough to win games on a weekly basis. Throwing twice as many interceptions (six) as TD passes (three) won't work either.

But the Colts also acknowledge they need to be patient.

General manager Chris Ballard has been fond of noting Indy's young players, not just Richardson, will only get better with playing time. Steichen concurs.

The reality is Richardson only made 13 starts with the Gators and had his first NFL season cut short after four games because of season-ending surgery on his throwing shoulder.

So with only 20 starts since his prep career ended, Richardson is far from a finished product, something Richardson appears to understand.

"I've just got to settle down and just let the ball spin. I've just got to give myself time and give myself some grace," Richardson said after a subpar performance in Sunday's 21-16

victory over Chicago.

"I'm so hard on myself when I'm missing passes out there because it's like, 'Man, I don't want to miss any passes.' Like, I say, stuff like that's going to happen, but I don't want them to happen. So, I've just got to play better."

But finding success won't come easily.

Next up for Richardson is a chess match against the league's top-ranked overall defense and scoring defense Sunday when unbeaten Pittsburgh (3-0) comes to town.

Indy snapped an eight-game losing streak against the Steelers in December with the rehabbing Richardson on the sideline.

Then the Colts hit the road for two weeks against AFC South foes who have been regular thorns in Indy's playoff hopes — Jacksonville and Tennessee.

Though Richardson believes some problems can be fixed by getting back in sync with receivers Michael Pittman Jr. and Josh Downs, who returned last week from an ankle injury that kept him off the field for more than a month.

The other part of the solution comes down to Richardson getting back to who he's always been on a football field.

"Sometimes as a player, you try to think about technique and certain things like that, so thinking about it too much while you're also trying to think about a game plan and stuff, it can throw you off a little bit," he said.

"You're just thinking too much instead of just relying on instincts and playing. This week, we're just focused on playing football and mastering what we can master."

Sun eliminates Clark Fever from playoffs 87-81

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Alyssa Thomas had 19 points and 13 assists to help the Connecticut Sun sweep Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever out of the playoffs with an 87-81 win Wednesday night.

The third-seeded Sun will now face either Minnesota or Phoenix in the semifinals which begin Sunday.

Clark played much better in Game 2 than she did in her postseason debut Sunday. The AP Rookie of the Year finished with 25 points and nine assists, but it wasn't enough. Aliyah Boston added 16 points and 19 rebounds.

Boston's layup with 2:05 left gave Indiana a 77-75 advantage but DeWanna Bonner, who was playing in her WNBA record matching 82nd playoff game to match Lindsay Whalen, answered with a 3-pointer 14 seconds later.

Neither team scored on their next few possessions until Marina Mabrey hit a 3-pointer from the wing with 45.5 seconds left to give the Sun an 81-77 lead.

Kelsey Mitchell missed a 3 on the Fever's next possession and the Sun sealed the game from the foul line.

Trailing by seven at the half, the Fever scored the first seven points of the third quarter to tie the game up. The teams traded baskets until Lexie Hull's layup gave the Fever a 48-47 lead midway

through the period.

It was short lived as Thomas took over, scoring 10 points during a 14-4 run to close the quarter. Clark brought the Fever back with her 3-pointer giving the team a 71-70 lead with 3:59 left and the teams traded baskets until Bonner's 3.

Indiana got off to a fast start and was up 14-6 before the Sun scored the final 11 points of the first quarter to go up by three. With 1:29 left in the quarter after a foul, Clark pointed out a fan sitting in the second row to an official, who called security over and had the individual escorted to the back. The fan returned later and there were no further incidents.

The run continued to start the second as Connecticut went up 26-16 on Carrington's layup with 7:32 left in the half. The Sun led 41-34 at the half. Carrington was honored before the game as the league's Most Improved Player.

On the last play of the half, Erica Wheeler went in for a layup trying to beat the buzzer and went flying into the courtside photographers. She was down for a few minutes before getting up and walking back to the locker room. She had her left thumb looked at and didn't return in the second half.

Clark finished the half with 14 points, four rebounds and four assists.

The Sun were missing starting guard Tyasha

Harris, who injured her ankle in Sunday's win. Mabrey started in her place.

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DLC#G181-145
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO.:39C01-24
07-MF-000625

MIDFIRST BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RONALD MARC MOWERY, DECEASED, OCCUPANT(S) OF 18 S MAIN CROSS ST, HANOVER, IN 47243, STATE OF INDIANA THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MARINER FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LVNV FUNDING LLC,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

Part of Lot No. 1, Southwest Addition to the Town of Hanover, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence North 60 feet; thence West 85 feet; thence South 60 feet; thence East 85 feet to the place of beginning.

And Commonly known as: 18 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me: Occupant(s) of 18 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243, State of Indiana through its Department of Revenue, Mariner Finance LLC successor in interest to Personal Finance Company LLC, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and LVNV Funding LLC

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:

The Unknown Heirs at Law of Ronald Marc Mowery, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 10th day of November 2024 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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By: */s/ Scott A. Hale*

Scott A. Hale

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/s/ Tabatha Eblen

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CAUSE NO. 39C01-2408-ES-000053

IN THE MATTER
OF THE SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID ANTHONY GATES,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on September 4, 2024, Dennis Truesdell was appointed personal representative of the estate of David Anthony Gates, deceased, who died on April 27, 2024. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 4th day of September 2024.

/s/Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson
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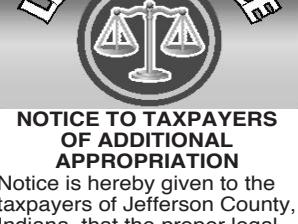
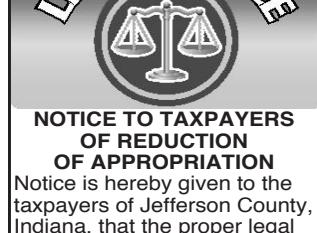
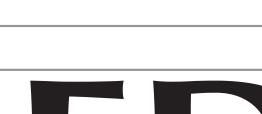
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IN THE MATTER
OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
ARLENE L. BELL,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on September 4, 2024, Shannon Bell was appointed personal representative of the estate of Arlene L. Bell, deceased, who died on August 16, 2024. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 4th day of September 2024.

/s/Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson
Circuit Court
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Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the County Council meet at 620 Green Road at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center at 5:00 p.m. Date 10-8-2024 will consider the following for the current year:

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Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The appropriations reductions as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance Department.

Heather Huff
Jefferson County Auditor
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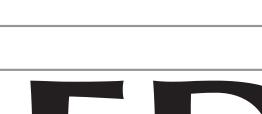
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HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers roll Spalding in women's soccer

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College women's soccer picked up an easy 5-1 win over Spalding at home on Wednesday.

Beth Cook scored two goals for the Panthers while Callen Johnson, Nora Ludwig and Ally Byrd scored one each. Cook, Cam Horsley, Clara Finesseth and Bri Matis each had assists.

Hanover held an overwhelming 24-2 advantage in shots, including a 13-2 lead in shots on goal. Emma Patterson had one save in goal for the Panthers.

Hanover, now 5-2 on the season, travels to Anderson on Saturday for its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener.

VOLLEYBALL BEATS SPALDING

Hanover volleyball

bounced back from its first loss of the season and returned to its winning ways with a four-set victory at home over Spalding on Wednesday.

The Panthers dropped the first set 28-26 but rallied to win the next three 28-26, 25-16, 26-24.

Eliot Mays had 14 kills for Hanover, Madison Schicker had 29 digs, Jessie Stenger had six blocks and Megan Vogel had 24 assists.

Hanover, now 14-1 on the season, competes in the Ohio Northern Invitational this weekend. The Panthers face Heidelberg on Friday and take on Wheaton and Ohio Northern on Saturday. Hanover then opens HCAC play on Friday, Oct. 4, when the Panthers travel to Manches-

EAGLES

FROM PAGE B2

Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio didn't give Huff much of a vote of confidence this week.

"He'll be mixed in there along with the rest of the guys," Fangio said. "We've got five guys dressed and we're mixing four of them. It's going to pretty much be the same."

Coach Nick Sirianni said he still has "a lot of faith" in Huff, and with so much money committed to him, the Eagles won't write him off just yet.

"I really do believe that the guys' sacks and pressures come in waves. When one guy gets hot, they start rotating the slide the other way, or giving help the other way, and then the other guy gets hot," Sirianni said. "That's why he's here. I'm excited for the time when he's going to have a big-time game. I know he puts the work in. I know he's ultra-talented. I've got no doubt in my mind that he's going to continue to get better and have a good impact on this football team."

INJURED RECEIVERS

There's a good reason tight end Dallas Goedert had a career game with 170 yards on 10 receptions against the Saints.

Hurts had few other options.

The Eagles' receiver corps took some blows the last few weeks, first with A.J. Brown's hamstring injury that cost him the last two games. DeVonta Smith suffered a concussion against the Saints, and Britain Covey was placed on injured reserve this



AP Photo/Butch Dill

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts (1) scrambles past New Orleans Saints defensive end Carl Granderson (96) in the first half of an NFL football game in New Orleans on Sunday.

week with a shoulder injury.

Goedert should again be a top focus against Tampa Bay. The Eagles also may need to rely more on Jahan Dotson, acquired during training camp from Washington. Dotson has three catches for 14 yards.

"I know Jahan hasn't had a ton of catches, but I think he's been playing efficient football," Sirianni said. "And sometimes it's just a matter of seeing it, and then going out there and planning some more things for him and doing some more things to get the ball in his hands."

"And then we have some practice squad guys that are working hard. We'll see how this all plays out."

SAQUON FACTOR

Bucs coach Todd Bowles was the

team's defensive coordinator when Tampa Bay beat Hurts twice in 2021. He's in his third season as coach and still calls the defense. The Bucs gave Hurts problems in the playoff game last winter, feeding the QB a steady diet of blitzes that Hurts feels he may be better equipped to deal with this time around.

Regardless of who lines up at receiver for Philadelphia on Sunday, though, Bowles know the Bucs have to find a way to slow down Saquon Barkley.

"I mean, they were already a good team before they got him ... He's one of the top two or three running backs in the league right now," Bowles said. "You put that behind one of the top two or three offensive lines, and you're going to have nothing but success."



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Handout
Grote Industries Production Manager Roger Madden (left) and Chief Operating Officer John Grote apply Grote's company decal to the AEM Manufacturing Express tour bus alongside decals from other companies the vehicle has visited. The tour, sponsored by Association of Equipment Manufacturers, stopped at Grote last Friday.

Manufacturing Express visits Grote Industries

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Manufacturing Express — which is currently traveling across 22 states with more than 80 stops — visited Grote Industries in Madison last Friday to celebrate more than 120 years of contributions to building, powering, and feeding the world.

The “Manufacturing Express” tour highlights the advanced technologies, skilled workforce, and innovative processes shaping the future of equipment manufacturing.

“The AEM Manufacturing Express is traveling to Indiana to celebrate the grit, determination, and can-do spirit of the people who build things in America and to remind everyone that when the equipment manufacturing industry is strong, communities like Madison are also strong,” said Kip Eideberg, senior vice president, Association of Equipment Manufacturers.

Founded in 1901, Grote Industries has grown from a small reflector and lighting company to an industry-leading manufacturer of heavy-duty vehicle lighting and safety systems with a state-of-the-art line of LED products. Although Grote now has a global footprint with facilities in five different countries around the world, this fourth-generation, family-owned business is still

headquartered in Madison. Grote employs more than 500 people in Madison and another 120 in Rochester, New York. The company regularly sponsors and contributes to community events, charity drives, and charitable organizations and Grote employees are actively engaged in local civic affairs in the communities in which they live, serving on boards and within organizations supporting children, the sick, and the less fortunate.

The company is currently working with all surrounding collegiate schools in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio to obtain internship candidates its spring, summer, and fall internship programs. Ivy Tech and Grote have a partnership to assist with the Maintenance Apprenticeship program. Recently, Grote has joined the Center on Economics and Management of Education and Training Systems (CMETS iLab Indiana) to work on a youth apprenticeship model in Indiana to allow high school students to apprentice at high demand and skilled jobs while going to school. Grote was recently a finalist with the Indiana Chamber in recognition of its Internship Program.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in the “Manufacturing Challenge” game for a chance to win a Ford F-150 pickup.

MORGAN FOOD INC. TIMELINE

1899 — Joseph Steely Morgan solicited funding partnerships to build a cannery plant in Austin, Indiana.

1906 — Joseph Steely Morgan became full owner of the company, employing 75 people.

1914 — World War I brought tremendous growth due to an increased demand for canned food.

1917 — Joseph Steely Morgan and his son, Ivan, partnered to run the company and changed its name to Morgan Foods Inc.

1952 — Morgan Foods Inc. grew to own over 22 acres and employed more than 200 people.

1970 — John Morgan took over MFI from his father at the age of 27. Under John's leadership, MFI grew from a small co-packing cannery

manufacturer to the national private-label supplier it is today.

1980 — MFI's primary focus became canning private-label soup and beans.

1990 — MFI was ranked the third-largest condensed-soup maker in the world, with some of the fastest running lines and technology.

2018 — MFI purchased American Soy Products in Saline, Michigan and expanded into aseptic packaging.

2021 — MFI became the leading private-label soup and bean manufacturer in the United States.

2024 — MFI commemorates 125 years of manufacturing with the launch of a new website (coming soon) and celebrations planned throughout the year.

Morgan Food Inc. celebrates 125th anniversary

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

AUSTIN, Ind. — Morgan Foods Inc. (MFI) on Wednesday celebrated 125 years in business by hosting a special cookout as part of a month-long celebration to commemorate the company's milestone anniversary.

Employees, community leaders and special guests gathered to celebrate more than a century of tradition, community commitment and business excellence.

“Morgan Foods' 125th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on our history of success and to be inspired by what the future holds,” said Louis Gottsponer, MFI president and CEO.

“It is only fitting that we do so alongside our team members and the surrounding community. Austin, Indiana, has been Morgan's home for over a century, and we look forward to the next 125 years of innovation and excellence in our hometown.”

Joseph Steely Morgan founded MFI in 1899 on new advances in cannery technology and southern Indiana's rich soil. Since then, the company has remained a family business, with each generation of the Morgan family playing a key role in development and innovation.

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⑤ WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	The Voice (N)	Dateline NBC (N)				News
⑧ WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Whose..	Whose..	Inside the NFL	News (N)		News
⑨ WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Cincin..	Votes (N)	20/20 (N)				News
⑪ WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Doctor Odyssey	20/20 (N)				News
⑯ WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)	Comm..	Week	VOCES (N) (P)	Heritage (N)			BBCN..
⑯ WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	College Football	Washington at Rutgers (N) (Live)				
⑯ WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Greatest @ (N)	Fire Country	Fire Country			News
⑯ WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	Whose..	Whose..	Inside the NFL	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
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A&E	28	36	The First	48	The First	48	The First	48	The First	48	The First	First48
AMC	29	26	(5:00) ★★★ Misery ('90)	★★★ Christine ('83) Keith Gordon, ★★★ Thinner ('96)								
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Family..	Family Guy	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush-Res.	Gold Rush-Res.	Gold Rush-Res.	Gold Rush-Res. (N)	Bering Sea (N)	Outback (N)				
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ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)	Count..	College Football	Virginia Tech at Miami (N) (Live)						Boxing
FREE	18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	700Club
FX	40	28	(4:00) ★ Spider-...	★★★ Spider-Man: No Way Home ('21)								Social (N) (P)
HBO	201	17	(5:15) Pe..	(25) ★ Everything Everywhere All ...	(50) The Penguin							Real Time (N)
MAX	270	73	★★★ The A-Team ('10)									Get Hard ('15)
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)	On Balance (N)	Cuomo (N)	Dan Abrams	Banfield (N)	Cuomo				
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★ Django Unchained ('12) Christoph Waltz, Jamie Foxx.					
PARSHO	221	16	Movie	(25) ★★★ Seabiscuit ('03) Tobey Maguire, ★ We Will Dance Again, ★ Lincoln Law...								
TMC	233	74	(5:10) ★ Congo	★★ Beau Is Afraid ('23) Joaquin Phoenix.								5-25-77 ('22)
TNT	27	43	(5:15) ★★★ Red 2 ('13)	★★★ Joker ('19) Joaquin Phoenix.								Rampage (N) Movie
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⑯ WXIX	10		(3:30) Football	Baseball	New York Mets at Milwaukee Brewers (N)							Football
⑯ WLKY	5	5	(3:30) Football	Postgta..	Jeopar..	The Equalizer	48 Hours (N)	48 Hours (N)				News
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AMC	29	26	In-Laws									★★ Halloween ('07) Malcolm McDowell, ★★ Halloween II
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Step Brothers
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition	Exped..
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ESPN	32	44	(3:30) Fo..	Scoreb..	College Football	Stanford at Clemson (N) (Live)						Scoreb.. / (15) Football
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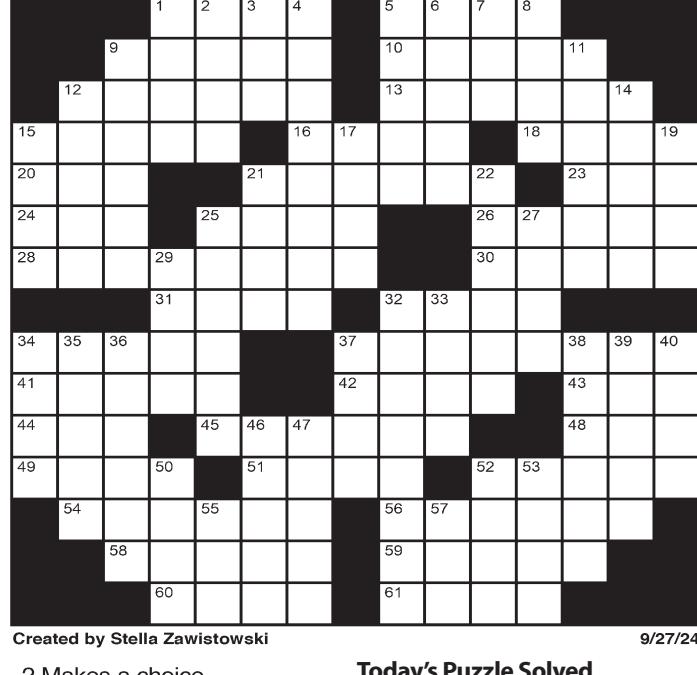
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ACROSS

1 Sports team's defeat
5 Echelon
9 Tokyo's country
10 Removes wrinkles from
12 Soda container
13 A, E, I, O, and U
15 Game regulations
16 Las Vegas' WNBA team
18 Keep your ___ about you
20 Yes vote
21 Roller derby equipment
23 Dover's state: Abbr.
24 Boggy area
25 Great Basin people
26 "Laughing" animal
28 Pirate's booty
30 Greek fable teller
31 Steals from
32 Consign to hell
34 Resell tickets
37 Predicts
41 Boat with paddles
42 Parking areas
43 Chopping tool
44 Buenos Aires's country: Abbr.
45 Not a single person
48 Viewed
49 Require
51 Cry like a kitten
52 Does laps in the pool
54 Game-show facts
56 Pushes forward
58 Narrow cuts
59 Making a racket
60 Endure
61 Man with manners, for short

DOWN

1 After the deadline



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Today's Puzzle Solved



2 Makes a choice
3 Actor Mineo
4 High-tops, e.g.
5 Metal fastener
6 Emerged
7 This instant
8 Was sure of
9 Classic Dolly Parton song
11 Playground fixtures
12 Seller's counterpart
14 Shorthand pro, for short
15 Whitewater craft
17 Job for a lawyer
19 Open-handed hit
21 Part of a ticket
22 Disgraces
25 Tennis tournament in Queens: 2 wds.
27 Strong desires
29 Singer Guthrie
32 Drawing idly
33 Pretentiously highbrow

34 Look over quickly
35 Insertion mark
36 Makes mad
37 Proceed smoothly
38 With no difficulty
39 School tests
40 Uses needle and thread

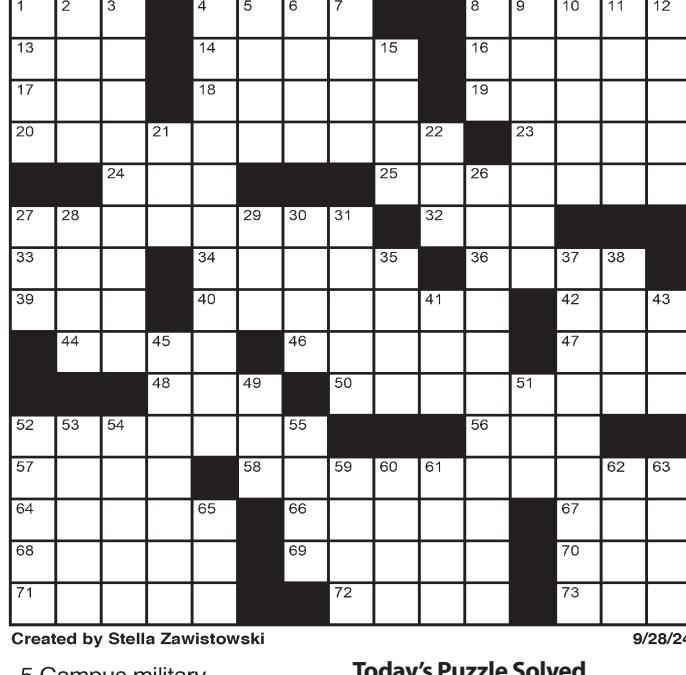
46 Leaves out
47 Wild animal
50 Pickle seasoning
52 Turn in circles
53 Adam who played Batman
55 By way of
57 One of the Three Stooges

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ACROSS

1 Contribute
4 Gross gunk
8 Earlier-born
13 Deep anger
14 Prefix with -pathic
16 Childbirth attendant
17 Stag's mate
18 Director Coen
19 Roman fountain
20 Fruity fall beverage: 2 wds.
23 Summers, in French
24 Sibling's nickname
25 "Almost": 2 wds.
27 Toothpaste additive
32 End of a shoe
33 Cardboard container
34 Pancake topping
36 Puppy bites
39 Imitate
40 Takes a fall
42 Trail behind
44 "OK, got it": 2 wds.
46 On your toes
47 Actress de Armas
48 No vote
50 Hoops or studs
52 Slapped
56 "Carpenter" insect
57 For carryout: 2 wds.
58 Late tournament round
64 Prize
66 Copier brand
67 Payment promise
68 Doled (out)
69 Couric on TV
70 French "no"
71 Flatten with an iron
72 Jell-O shaper
73 Enjoy Aspen, perhaps

DOWN
1 Classic Verdi opera
2 Let go of
3 Gets rid of
4 Philly sandwich



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Today's Puzzle Solved



5 Campus military group: Abbr.
6 "Oh, hello": 2 wds.
7 Out of batteries
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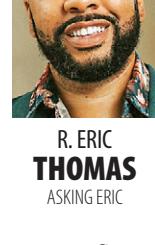
Bad traveler wants to go on vacation with globe-trotter

Dear Eric: I have a friend I've known since high school. We are now in our 30s. Although we are different and have different interests, we have enough common ground to maintain our friendship. I've traveled extensively outside the country, and she wants us to go on an international trip together. I do not want to, but I don't know how to say it without hurting her feelings.

I can only make excuses for so long. She'll find out I've traveled with other people. Our travel styles are different, our financial abilities are different and she embarrasses me in social situations. She also lacks common sense. Think Cousin Eddy from "National Lampoon." How can I politely let her know a trip isn't in the cards?

— Solo Traveler

Dear Traveler: One of the most empowering lessons of my 30s was that some friends are simply "at-home" friends. An at-home friend's sleep schedule or capacity for random adventure or Duolingo level are of little concern when we're just



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chilling at a coffee shop, but the minute a passport comes out, all bets are off. Have a conversation with your friend about your different travel styles. This is the least loaded of your objections to her. If you're an early riser who likes to hike all day and she sleeps late and wants to lay on a beach, then you're not aligned. It's fine to point that out.

The other objections are a tad concerning — why are you friends with someone who embarrasses you socially and has no common sense? Could some of this travel anxiety also be about whether you want to be friends with this person at all?

Something to consider.

But back to the matter at hand — ask her what she was hoping to get out of a trip together. Maybe what she really needs is advice on how to plan. But even if she's envious of your social media posts from far-flung locales and wants to join, it's perfectly acceptable to set a boundary in this friendship. It just so happens that, when it comes to traveling with her, your boundary is the border of the United States of America.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Turn up the charm. You could overcome someone's doubts by demonstrating your best features. If uncertainty causes too much hesitation, you may never progress. Keep a positive, optimistic outlook, and you may overcome any obstacle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It might be easy to confuse physical attraction with emotional needs. Step away from impulse and chemistry to consider how you really feel about someone before moving forward. Slow beginnings could lead to bigger commitments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Share your insights and watch as doors open. You might let love influence your decision-making if you remember who you are and what you value. Romance could amplify your best qualities and make you better at being you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Cherish the love you have. Find time in your busy schedule to express your feelings without limitations. Temptations may come, but the deepest joy is often found right at home. When you love what you do, success follows.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is so much you can do if you pull yourself out of your comfort zone and believe in yourself. It could be time to let the world discover your talents as well as your fun-loving side. Take your skillset and interests out for a spin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Careful examination of the fine print may be very important. Be cautious in assuming everyone will be working towards the same financial goals. You may be the voice of reason and convince someone to consider consequences.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You might get attention if you are trying to conceal a lack of belief in others, don't let doubts take root and affect your actions. There may be a tendency to see only what you want to see so be on the lookout for signs of loyalty and commitment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Keep the tone light and friendly. Discussing touchy topics may invite disagreement and trouble so think twice before exploring volatile topics. Working together to achieve common goals may turn collaborators into friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Never hesitate to negotiate, but don't waive your position out of fear. Even when you feel cornered, there can always be a way out. You may find that someone new in your circle is more attractive than you originally thought.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keep seeking out knowledge. The journey is as important as the destination, and the detours might be just as rewarding. It could be in your best interest to stay connected with those who may help turn your ideas into reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Trust your instincts to guide you to what truly matters, and romance might just take center stage. It might be time to unveil your hidden talents. Whether at work or play, you may create something that will be truly rewarding.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may have become set in your patterns and pay less attention to what's happening around you. Consider taking a breather and making the time to look around. You could be surprised at all you might have missed out on.

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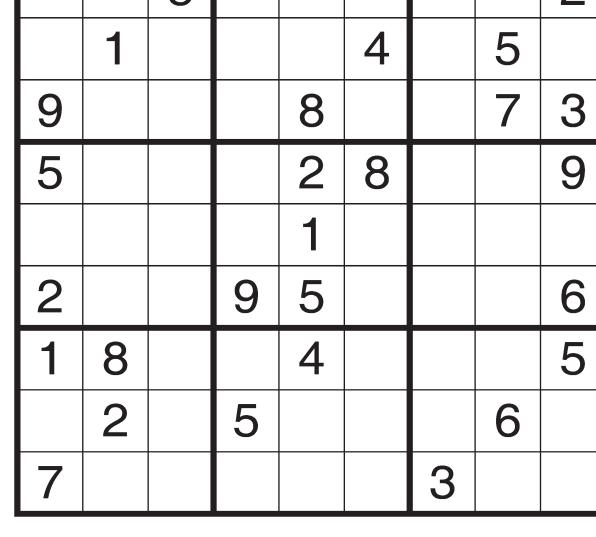
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come obstacles that block unity and harmony. You might not be ready to commit yourself to someone with an opposing viewpoint, but you can be considerate. Patience and understanding may bridge differences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A chance encounter might be thrilling, but sometimes it's best to appreciate it and move on. You can't solve all the world's problems, but you might make things in your part of the world more harmonious and run more smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You might be tempted to break your routine by acting spontaneously and indulging in impulses. A loved one may find you more intriguing if they can't quite predict your next move. Your open-mindedness could be applied.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Once an action is in motion, focused attention keeps it going. Your growing creative energy could help you complete tasks effortlessly. Consider asking for what you want, if it's meant for you, you will receive it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Sometimes, belief in the greater good may trump logic. Stand by your opinions and your commitment might be rewarded. Your social life might revolve around get-togethers with friends or community-based activities this weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Taking inventory of all your successes, no matter how small, may boost your confidence. Don't let small setbacks stop you. Your friendliness and a love of adventure could make you a popular figure that appeals to a wide audience.



Bob Demaree

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Fire during thunderstorm damages home

BY BOB DEMAREE

A home in the 1100 block of River Bluff Lake Drive in Madison Township was damaged by fire Tuesday after a report of a lightning strike behind the house during a thunderstorm.

The fire, reported at 2:28 p.m., was contained to basement but high heat and flames destabilized flooring making the first floor unsafe. Even though no fire extended to the first floor, the structure also had heavy smoke damage to the upper floors.

Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black commended the work of firefighters for "very aggressively" attacking the fire, containing it and preventing it from spreading further into the home, which is owned by Mark and Linda Cheatham and overlooks the Ohio River. He thinks the home can

be restored but will need repairs before they can move back into the residence.

Madison Township Fire Department was joined on scene by Rykers Ridge Fire Department, making connection with a fire hydrant in front of the house.

Firefighters used two attack lines into the basement, tackling heavy smoke and flames. He said two firefighters became overheated but were fine after they were treated.

Fire units stayed on scene until approximately 6 p.m.

Madison Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 and Madison Clifty Fire Department No. 6 were on scene for back-up. Also, Jefferson Sheriff's Department and Norton King's Daughters' Health were on the scene for support.

MORGAN

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From these humble beginnings, MFI has grown to become the leading private-label soup and bean manufacturer in the United States, headquartered in a state-of-the-art facility in Austin but with approximately 1,000

employees nationwide.

"My family and I are grateful for everyone who has been a part of Morgan Foods' journey," said John Morgan, Executive Chairman of the Board, who lives in Madison. "From the countless hours of our employees' dedicated work to the support of our customers, suppliers and local community, all have been instrumental in our

success. Together, we have built something lasting and special."

During Wednesday's cookout, attendees enjoyed food and beverages supplied by MFI, participated in engagement events, and heard from company leadership and local dignitaries.

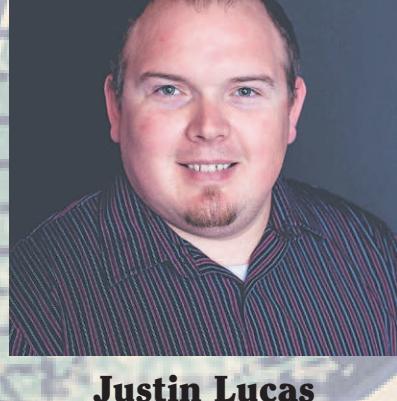
Morgan Foods is committed to the tradition of innovation with new technology advancements on

the horizon, the company expects to expand its products in the near future, while maintaining its family values. The company is also committed to community engagement and has sponsored a number of events and charities in Southern Indiana including many charities, festivals and events in Madison.

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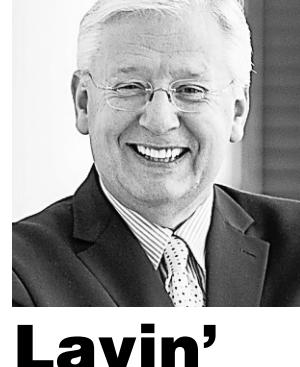
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Don't Let Inflation Steal Your Golden Years



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Inflation risk poses a significant challenge to your retirement financial security. To protect your retirement savings from its erosive effects, it's crucial to comprehend inflation risk and adopt effective strategies. Inflation, over time, causes the cost of goods and services to rise, potentially impacting your ability to maintain your desired lifestyle during retirement.

What Is Inflationary Risk?

Inflation is the gradual increase in the prices of goods and services. If your income doesn't keep pace with these rising costs, your purchasing power may diminish, affecting your retirement plans.

A standard measure of inflation is the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which tracks price

fluctuations for a predefined basket of goods and services

representing the broader population in the United States.

Since 2000, annual CPI changes have ranged

from a slight decrease of

-0.4% in 2009 to a significant

increase of 8% in 2022.

It's important to note that inflation affects different categories of expenses differently. Therefore, the impact of inflation varies

based on your specific consumption patterns. For

example, medical expenses have recently experienced higher inflation rates compared to other commodities, which can disproportionately affect retirees. To effectively combat inflation, monitor and adapt to the changing costs of the goods and services you regularly purchase.

Factors Driving Inflationary Risk:

Several factors contribute to inflation. One is an excess of demand over supply, leading to higher prices as businesses can charge more due to increased demand. Wages also play a role, as rising incomes can boost consumer spending, driving up prices. Additionally, increased cost of materials can lead to higher prices for finished goods. A decrease in productivity, where fewer goods are produced, can limit supply and increase prices above demand.

How Will Inflation Risk Impact Your Retirement?

Retirees may face the challenge of inflation for two decades or more during their retirement years. Even with a modest inflation rate of 3.5% annually, prices could nearly double over that time. Pre-retirees, who invest for several decades before retiring, are even more vulnerable to the eroding effects of inflation.

To address inflation risk, consider the following strategies:

1. Fixed Indexed Annuities:

Explore investment options like fixed-indexed annuities that provide protection against inflation while offering the potential for market-linked gains.

2. Evaluate Spending Habits:

Carefully assess your spending habits and identify areas where you can make more discerning purchases. For example, choose fuel-efficient cars to reduce vulnerability to rising gas prices while benefiting the environment.

3. Diversify Investments:

Diversify your investment portfolio to include assets that historically outperform inflation. Consider investments like bonds that can provide stability and income.

4. Social Security

Optimization: Maximize your Social Security benefits, as they are adjusted annually based on the CPI, helping you keep up with inflation.

5. Home Investments:

Consider investments that enhance your home's energy efficiency, reducing energy expenses and making you less susceptible to rising energy costs. Examples include home insulation, energy-efficient appliances, heat pumps, and solar panels.

6. Seek Professional Guidance:

Consult a financial advisor specializing in retirement planning to create a customized strategy that addresses your needs and concerns.

Understanding and addressing inflation risk is essential for securing your financial future in retirement. By adopting prudent financial strategies, diversifying your investments, and exploring appropriate investment options like Fixed Indexed Annuities, you can better protect your retirement savings from the erosive effects of inflation.

Protect your retirement from inflation's eroding effects by exploring investment options like fixed-indexed annuities and optimizing Social Security benefits. Act now to secure your financial future in retirement!

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